Protest against agreement with Bodo-Liberation Tigers

4217. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-Bodo people of Assam have protested against the Agreement signed by the Central Government, Assam Government and Bodo-Liberation Tigers;

(b) whether they are angry because these people have not been taken into confidence before signing of agreement;

(c) what steps Government and other two signatories to the Agreement have taken to allay the fears of non-Bodo people of the area; and

(d) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) The Memorandum of Settlement (MOS) signed between the Central Government, the Government of Assam and Bodo Liberation Tiger (BLT) on 10.2.2003 has been widely welcomed.

To protect the interests of the non-tribals, adequate safeguards have been bult in the MOS to ensure that the non-tribals in the Bodo Territorial Council (BTC) areas are not disadvantaged in relation to any rights and privileges including land rights presently enjoyed by them at the commencement of BTC.

Objectives of NHRC

†4218. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of constituting the National Human Rights Commission and arrangements made in this regard;

(b) the conditions of appointing Chairman and Members of the Commission;

(c) the number of women members and member coming from rural background; and

(d) if not, the provisions made by Government for appointing such members?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.